



OVERCOATS.

HONEY FOR THE LADIES.

Mrs. N. P. Willis will winter in Washing-

The older the maiden the sweeter her tall

Some of the new bearskin muffs are of Black lynx is a good fur to trim a long seal

Eccentric simplicity is now the cue of Pari-

Maud asks: "How can I get white hands?" Make bread, Maud.

Silver fox is a beautiful but very delicate fur. It is always costly. The long seal sacque, 42 or 48 inches in length, never goes out of fashion,

Men are too much inclined to accept pretty woman at her face value. Many of the best dressed women York have discarded the bustle.

The girl with the ring in her voice who ne in when anything is tolled. Boston Girl-Isn't it delightful to sit in the

Cross fox furs are very becoming. ars or crossings on the yellow have a

Chicago Girl-We never sit in the gloam-ing when we do that; our fire place is in the

back parlor.—Judge.

For mourning jewelry black onyx, black enamel and English crape stone follow the fashions of gayer gems. Women are toe dearest, cutest creatures in ne world, but they can't tell how a shoe fits

In flower pins, a single blossom upon a big leaf enamelled in the natural color, is the most attractive new fancy.

It is a solemn hour with a rose-lipped so-ciety bud when she begins to wonder vaguely how a mustache feels on the face. Insurance Agent—How many time have you been married, ma'mt Widow—Hold ou, I'll look in my hair album and see.

Machine-stitching, if properly done, is the most effective mode of finishing a simple cloth dress desigded for utility purposes.

As a makewright, bonnets of good lace-duchesse or rose point, the very acme of quiet elegance—were never in higher favor. A lady in Saline county, Missouri, came within 16 votes of beating the most popular man in the county for the office of register of

Fashion now requires the lady to exchange rings with her fiance, and the correct one for the purpose is of heavy gold, with a single stone set flush. A novelty in evening dresses will be spot-

ted colored tulle draped over slik of the same color. This will make very pretty dinner and evening costumes. The crazy quilt craze has had a variation in

Connecticut, where a woman has embroidered the notes and words of 'Home, Sweet Home,' on a linen sheet.

Among the fashionable furs of the presentiger skins appears. It is well to remembe that the color of this fur is not generally be coming to the complexion.

Two bright New Jersey young woman, dis ratisfied with the money they made teaching invested \$50 in poultry. The first year their profits were \$1,000, the second, \$3,000. The former residents of Ohio, now living in Topeka. Kas., have organized a society and adopted for a motto, "The sun of Ohio never shone on the face of an ugly woman."

According to the Hon. William I. Bowditch one-tenth of all the taxes in Massachusetts are paid by the women. In Rockford, Ill., the women pay two-thirds of the taxes.

Mrs. Henry Fawcett, widow of the blind postmaster general of England, talks of lecturing in America. She was a devoted wife and is a most accomplished woman.

"How is it you have so many young men call on you?" asked a jealous girl. "He-cause," was the reply, "father has the gout in one foot and the rheumatism in the

Purses of aliver net work, through which the coin shows, have a circular opening at the top, closed by either an engraved coin or a richily chased medal with the owner's mon-

Frances Willard is in favor of worrying

Frances must catch her legislator when he is young and impressionable All shades of yellow from the beautifu

nd for expensive millinery It seems to be a pretty well understood fact that average American women of to-day, at least in cities, are much heavier and better built than those of a generation or two ago. So much for athletic sports.

dye, are noted in fabrics for full dress wear

It is reported that Lady Habbertson will shortly bring herself and her dress-reform notions to this country. Her plan is to at-tack the corset next the bustle, and finally to introduce he bifurcated skirt.

Rose is to be one of the fashionable colors in elegant evening dress this winter. There are new exquisite tints of this color, ranging from palest blush rose and cameo to the de-cided rose shades, that are becoming to both

It is proposed to abolish dishwashing The idea is to make paper dishes so cheap that one can afford to throw them away after each meal. They can be made as pretty as china, as strong as desired and will be noiseless and not liable to break.

For ladies whose features are best enhanced by larger setting a revival is imminent of the coal scuttle, or poke, of our grand-mothers, made in soft silk beaver; but at nt they are so unusual as to be only suit able for carriage wear.

black cloth is again fashionably worn over a colored skirt, preferably tan, green, terra cotta, light chamois or pearl gray, and as ma-terial silk or yelvet has the call, though contrasting wool is sometimes seen.

Sealskin turbans, with brims of Persian lambskin, and seal riding hoods. English walking hats, toques, and jockey caps, with fur visurs shading the eyes, are among the comfortable and expensive winter head-covering the comfortable and expensive winter head-covering the confortable winter head-covering the confortable winter head-covering the confortable winter erings for women, young and old.

A new novel is called "A Lady's Four Wishes." An old bachelor says he hasn't read the book, but he knows what her wishes are: "First, a new bonnet; second, a new bonnet; third, a new bonnet."

For trimming there are ribbons in immense variety—silk, velvet, plush, gauze—and many with seven shades of one color. They are four to seven inches wide, and the crowns are swathed rather than trimmed with them, unless a loosely-tied scarf is the style chosen

A woman who through some nervous af-fection had lost the use of her legs for years. was suddenly restored completely by a fright caused by a drunken fellow who threatened to kiss her. She escaped by running and has never had a recurrence of the weakness.

The callous philosopher who has never ex-perienced the joy a man feels when he tries to kiss a girl in the dark and gets stabbed in the eye with her nose, has no business to ex-press an opinion about kissing. Are our mouths merely holes for pies! We think

"Mamma," said a young lady, just home from school, and gazing upon Alexander Har-rison's "Opera Sea," "is this an oil painting painting or a water color!" "Sh." answered her mother, with a look of surprise and cha-"It's a water color. Don't you see the

Among the new devices in waist buckle are some very handsome ones in oxydized metal, fashioned after the pattern of old Norwegian silver clasps, and bearing a marked resemblance to the sterling metal. These clasps wear remarkably well, and there are brooches and bangles to correspond.

"You say, Mr. Smith," said the girl in a low, thoughtful, this is a serious matter sort of tone, "that you have leved me for five years and have never dared to tell me so until to-night?" "Yes," he replied. "Well, I cannot be your wife. A man who has no more courage than that would feign to be askep while a burglar stole his shapers."

Watered silk are again the rage. Late in the summer they were out of style, and cases of more silks and satins were everywhere thrown upon the bargain counters marked at "rainous prices." Fo scener were these "job lots" fairlr disposed of than the tide turned is their favor again, and incoming steamers are now bringing to our shores large invoices of high novelties in watered effects.

The hune felt hats effective and nicture

The huge felt hats, effective and picturesque as many of them are, are chiefly wern by Americans and foreigners, but a pretty woman who likes to look as though she were "sitting for her pertrait" may feel that con-

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large felt hat of the Rembrandt order, with its brim turned up on one side, its nodding ostrich plumes and large bows of wide

cloak garnitures is in reality the handsome close garmitures is in reality the handsome martin of other days under a new title. The fur, in its present state is perfectly deodor-ized and is a very popular fur for garmishing, the stylish and stately Russian lhng coats of red, terra-cotta and dard green German broadcloth.

The "grandmother" gown just brought out for missess and very young ladies has a straight full skirt shirred three times at the top, and sewed with a headling on to a loud pointed waist that fastens behind and comes high at the throat where it is finished by a turned over collar of white pleated gauze. Tight sleeves end just below the elbow, and have the same gauze pleatings, making a whole singularly quaint and charming.

Short watered silk or crepe-lisse plastrons are as frequently seen on new costumes as the long popular vests. These have velvet bretelles beyond, faced with the watered silk. The high coliar matches the plastron, ane there is a second turn-down collar to match the revers. Very frequently there is added a Swiss girdle, pointed front and back, and edged with a single row of small beads. At the left side is fastoned a kerchief pouch made of velvet, with a dainty spray of flowers in the center, embroidered in silk and beads. Short watered silk or crepe-lisse plastron

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The new "China" silks of American manu-The new "China" silks of American manufacture are soft, glossy, very pliable, and of fine finish. They are sold in various shades of fashionable colors—new gold, pale golden terra cotta, apple, moss, and absinthe green, several distinct shades of red, bright, and deep orange, golden bronze, etc. These silks are shown in piain and figured patterns, and are in special request for tea gowns, bridesmaids' dresses, and for full dress evening wear, combined with vevet or colored silk laces and nets.

laces and nets. Pretty draperies are made apart from Pretty draperies are made apart from bodices, on to which they are adapted at pleasure. They are generally made of soft silk, such as foulard, or surah, or of silk crape. A new pattern is of coral pink surah, draped near the left shoulder and gathered at the waist line. The high collar is fastened on the left side with a bow of coral-pink ribbon. A fringe of loops of very marrow ribbon of the same color is nut on all down the bon. A fringe of looks of very marrow rio-bon of the same color is put on all down the right side. It is fushionable to wear facings to match upon the sleeves. This color looks well upon dresses of almost any shade of gray, brown, green, purple or dark red for the daytime; and can also be worn over a light-colored toilet for the evening. In creamy white it will look best over a blue or

Among new mechanical toys of American make is a "Buffalo Hunt," with Buffalo Bill on horseback shooting at two monster bulls.

A French cook drinking champagne out of a bottle and carrying a white kitten in a saucepan comes among the fine mechanical French toys. The kitten raises the lid of the saucepan to peep out every time the cook raises the bottle to his mouth.

One of the prettiest juggler's tricks for a Christmas party is an inexhaustible box from which the performer draws at pleasure a glass of water or wine, toys, flowers, bons bons. He can at any time prove to the company that the box is empty by laying it down on the side for them to look into it, but he continues to draw forth his treasures of Santa Claus' wares as soon as it is set up Santa Claus' wares as soon as it is set up

in Boots," dressed as the Marquis of Cara-bas, and ringing the bell of the mill tower sound; a "Cat Concert," under the light of a cigar-smoking moon; a white Kittle hiding in a big black boot and peeping at intervals over the top of it; a full cat orchestra, with Kittles of various sizes, ages, and colors, playing on both wind and stringed instru-ments, and a big drum; "a queer couple," and a big brindled Italian cat, with calm green eyes, winking at the anties of an acrobat while turning its head from side to side, all to music.

So the little fellow told his story very ear-nestly, becoming positively dramatic when he reached the climax and said, "And the angel of the Lord said unto Lot's wife, skate for your life and don't you look back, but she did look back and turned a somer-sault."

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The total amount expended last among the Mormons was \$61,318. The Russian church, which has been in process of construction during the last ten years on the Mount of Olives, is now finished.

Archdeacon Farrar has written the New Year's tract for the Scottish Tempearace league taking for his title "The Curse of The boys in one of the Troy (N. Y.) socie-ties have organized a Loyal Temperance league, and made it a branch of the Christian

The American college and education society expended last year \$27,871 in assisting young men preparing for the ministry in six insti

The Interior (Presbyterian) admits that there is much truth in Canon Taylor's article on "Islam in Africa" and that the negro tribes are fast embracing Mohammedanism. The largest Swedish Lutheran church in America is the one just completed at Minneapolis. It will accommodate 5,000 persons at its opening.

The late Rev. J. H. Wilbur, D. D., in his will devised \$10,000 to the missionary society of the Methodist Episcopal church, \$19,000 to the church extension society and \$10,000 to the Freedman's Aid society.

Thursday was donation day at the Philadelphia home for aged and infirm colored persons. A colored clergyman, who is 117 years of age, opened the ceremonies on that day with prayer. His name is John Gibson, and he was born in Virginia in February.

A gift of real estate valued at \$40,000. been made by ex-Mayor Thomas B. Peddle, of Newark, N. J., to the First Baptist church for the site of a new church, which Mr. Poddonation in the history of Newark. The orthodox Jewish congregations of New

York have selected Rabbi Jacob Joseph, alias Jacob Chariff, of Wilna, Russia, as their chief rabbi giving him the title of "chief rabbi of New York," although the majority of congregations have never even heard that the election of a chief rabbi was contem-

The funeral of the late Rev. John J. Rior-dan, pastor of the Roman Catholic mission at Castle Garden, New York, took place last week, in St. Patrick's cathedral. There was an immense attendance, representing almost all classes of society, Archbishop Corrigan celebrated the requiem mass. A delegation of 200 clergymen were present. A jubilee fund has been raised for a build-

ing in London to be used by the Noncon-formists as their headquarters. The arch-bishop of Canterbury and others have presented a petition to the queen asking for a charter under the name "The Corporation of the Church Heuse," and the petition will come before a committee of council January

Mr. Crobar is a powerful lever in a Sagi-naw, Mich., church society, where the Rev. Mr. Broadag hews a branch from the tree of A man has sent \$25 conscience money to a

church. It is supposed he always slept dur-ing the sermon, and was at last awakened to the fact that he ought to pay for his lodgings. Deacon Jones (to country minister)-Some of the members of the congregation, Mr. Goodman, complain that you do not speak loud enough. Country Minister—I speak as loud as I can afford to Deacon at \$500 a year. Rev. Henry B. Townsend, paster of the Presbyterian church in Phillipsburg, N. J. has resigned because members of his conthe means of gathering in dimes. Mr. Berry, of England, to Plymouth church

warden, Brooklyn:
"It pains me deeply, gentlemen, And I am sorry, very. To tell you that I must decline To be your huckle-Berry."

"Who walked on the water to meet the Master!" asked a Sunday school teacher. "Peter," shouted the class in chorus. "What happened to Peter!" "He sank in the water." "Very well. How did he get out of

the water?" "Petered out!" sang out the red-headed boy at the foot of the class.

A worther minister gave notice of a prayer ing." This reminds us of a clergyman who told in his sermon one Sunday of a very af-fecting scene where there wasn't a dry tear

in the house.

Pastor (looking in collection basket)—"Dey am seberal coins in dis yer basket I neber saw de denominashum befo'. Dey am made ob bone about as big as a half dollar, some am colored white an some am blue—de most am white. As dey am no use to de ch'ch, dey'll be returned to de owner if he comes for ward." (Nobody stirs.)

A certain rabbi who prides himself more upon his periods than his piety, went to a well known barber and said, with a twinkle of the eye: "Now, I want you to cut my heir as short as you would my sermon." ing from his chair and ruefully surveying his bald and shining head he was constrained to observe that the barber wanted no sermon

Clergyman to harber-My friend, what church do you attend! Barber—I don't go to any. Clergyman (shocked)—Don't you know that by absenting yourself from the sanctu-ary you are imperilling the future welfare of your immortal soul? Barber-I don't know about that; but I do know that a man of my conversational capabilities hasn't a ghost of a chance to give 'em a show in church. Next

SINGULARITIES.

An eight ounce baby was born at Wake field, Mass., a short time ago. A kind of ant in Honduras will prey upon houses, and when once started will soon eat

Three lengths of track went out of sight in

the big sink hole on the Lowell & Hastings railroad recently. George Brill, of York, Pa., was teach his dog to catch articles that were thrown to him. He threw a silver dollar and the dog caught and swallowed it.

A farmer of Saline county, Illinois, lost a calf a long time ago, and recently, in drain-ing a piece of swamp land on his farm, he discovered the animal's body lying under-water and completely petrified. At Calera, Aia., a citizen saw a hawk

away with it. As the hawk mounted upward the snake coiled itself around the bird and crushed one of its wings. The hawk and snake together fell to the ground and the Calera man killed them.

Among the uncertain crops the potato crop stands prominent. So thinks Minot Stevenson of East Kent, Conn., who planted two half-acre lots with potatoes. From one he dug 130 bushels; not one decayed. From the other, which was near by and which had the same care, his crop was fifteen bushels. While the queen's hounds recently, were chasing a deer in England, the animal tool

to a railroad track and presently rounded a curve right in the face of an express going forty-five miles an hour. The deer swerved in time to save its life, but the hounds following close behind ran square into the locometive and several of them were cut to pieces. Henry Benson, of Hayden Hill, Cal., has a petrified salmon, which he found on a hill-side 1,500 feet high. The fleshy part re-sembles crystallized and variegated quartz, retaining in part the yellowish color of the salmon, and what was the skin of the fish is now a sort of porcelain or white flint. It is Justice Jaunasch, of Kalamazoo, has a par-Justice Jaunasch, of Kalamazoo, has a parrot that he wouldn't sell for its weight in silver. On five different occasions has this intelligent bird saved the house from being burglarized. The last time was on a recent night. The burglar got the door unfastened, but when he opened it the parrot asked, in a stern and harsh voice: "Hello, there! What's the matter?" The burglar didn't answer, but fell over himself in his desperate hurry to get away from there.

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There is a curious well of water at the Kelly place, near Tyler Gaskin's, in Williams-burg county, South Carolina. The well is about twenty feet deep, and the water on one side of it is all the time bubling up like water when it is boiling. On the opposite side of the well the water is in a constant state of agriculture, sizzing and pomping as though it agitation, sizzing and popping as though it was confined in a hot vessel. The noise can be heard some distance from the well. The water is coid and fine for use. This phenomenon has been going on for some time.

CONNUBIALITIES

It is again reported that Senator Saulsbury will shortly marry a southern girl.

their salaries. By and by undoubtedly marriage licenses and divorces will be sold in single perforated sheets, and young men can buy round trip tickets to matrimony at reduced rates.

She-"Before we were married you pr ised to fulfil every wish you read in my eyes, but I don't find it so at all." He—"Yes, since that time I have grown very near sighted." Friends of Mrs. Logan intimate that if that lady does not marry within another twelve months it won't be the fault of a rich Washington widower. Meanwhile, however, she

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ramsdell of Warren. Mass., have just celebrated the sixteenth anniversary of their married life. Mr. Ramsdell is eighty-seven years of age, while Mrs. Ramsdell is eighty.

To render marriage ceremonies more im-pressive the audience now remains standing until the minister concludes. What is needed very much in these days of divorces is some-thing to make the marriage remain standing after th eminister concludes. A dispatch from Paris states that Maurice

Bernhardt is to be married to the Princess Virginia Clotide Jablonowski, great-grand-daughter of Lucien Bonapart. Maurice Bernhardt is the son of the actress, and the bride is a cousin to the claimants of the imperial throne of France. Brown, who has married the eldest of seven daughters, tried to quarrel with his mother-in-law the other evening. "Brown,"

mother-m-iaw the other evening. "Brown, said she, "I am not going to ruin my reputation by quarreling with you. Wast till my other girls are matried. At present as a mother-in-law, I am only an amateur."

At the wedding of Governor Alger's daughter in Detroit, Wednesday evening, the young people were married at the bedside of Mrs. Alger, who was too ill to leave her room. Mrs. Alger, who was too ill to leave her room, and when they went down to the parlors they were husband and wife. 'The guests had a good time, but they missed the marriage.

Brown-You're a lucky dog, Robinson. So you married a girl worth half a million dol-lars in her own right. Robinson (rather more sadly than the circumstances would seem to warrant)—Yes. Brown—You ought to put up the drinks. Robinson—All right, old man. Just wait while I run into the house and see if I can get a dollar.

A Gotham girl engaged an artist to paint her a portrait of the young man she was to marry. Before the painting was delivered the young man died. Did she keep it as a memento of her lost love? Not a bit of it. She drove a bargain with the artist to alter the features so as to make it a portrait of an-other sweetheart whom she is determined to

Says the New York Graphic: "Apropos of Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt it is said that she and her husband have settled \$7,000 a year on the former's sister, Miss Minnie Smith, who is now engaged for the —th time, and who this time has announced Turin as the scene of able to speak with authority on the name of the latest lucky man."

When first engaged She used to write On monogram paper Of creamy white.

But since we're married-She says all she needs On a postal-card.

Ex-Governor Roberts, of Texas, aged seventy-two, was married Friday at Newbraumfels, Tex., to Mrs. Kate Bordens, of Tyler. Mr. Roberts was governor of Texas from 1878 to 1882. He was called "The Old Alcade" because of his granger proclivities. While governor he attracted attention by refusing to follow the example of President Hayes in issuing thanksriving proclamation. He is now a law professor in the University of Texas.

A Middletown, Pa., letter of December 12 A Middletown, Pa., letter of December 12 says: "A wedding that came off in Port Jervis, this county, one day last week has excited something of a sensation among the friends of the contracting parties. The groom was Henry C. Ford, president of the state fisheries commission of Pennsylvania, and the bride was Miss Susannah Van Gordon, aged eighteen, of the hamlet of Egypt Mills, in the same state and just across the Del-

aware river from Port Jervis. Mr. Ford is gentleman approaching three score years and has four grown children.

An amorous Pole rejoicing in the name of Viadishof Kofmofsky married a Warsaw girl in his 27th year. When the honeymoon Viadishof Kofmofsky married a Warsaw girl in his 27th year. When the honeymoon was up he took his young wife's personal savings and departed for Galicia, where he moved about to a number of cities within two years and married three girls, serving each of them successively as he had done the first, until the police got on his scent and he had to skip. He went to Prussis, where he was married for the fifth time. Soon after he went back to Poland and married No. 6 at Miava. That girl being rich, he was able to take his traveling expenses from her on a larger scale, and skipped to Warsaw. Having obtained work at a factory he succeeded in finding favor with the blooming daughter of the factory janitor, and was just going to make her his wife No. 7, when No. 6 made her appearance and saved the girl. She did not, however, succeeded in stoppins the career of this new Don Giovanni, who had hardly seen that his game at Warsaw was up when he again skipped and went to parts unknown.

BRIGHT LITTLE PEOPLE.

One of the teachers recently saked a pupil what ibs stood for. "Elbows, I guess," was the unexpected reply.

A bright little lady whose confidence is en joyed by the editor discovered the day after Thanksgiving that "cranberry sauce has seven different kinds of bad tastes." Little Tommy—Ma, wouldn't it be nice if you had the toothache, 'stead of Bridget! Mrs. Blueblood—Why, my son! Tommy—Cause you could take your teeth out; she

Robbie—Mamma, doesn't it make your hands warm to spank me! Mamma—Why, yes, Robbie it does. Zobbie—Wouldn't it do just as well then, mamma, to go and hold 'em over the register!

A little chap uptown who calls himself Docor Sol, says wiser things than one would expect from a three year old. "When will beby talk," he said to his mother the other day, "When she gets het teeth." "All her teeth:" "All." "Well, I don't believe it," said the intile fellow after reflection, "Grandfather has only one tooth and he talks you to death."

Master Freddy thinks himself by no means

the least important member of the house-hold. One evening, after he and his sister had gone to bed in the nursery, a violent thunder shower came up. The children's mother, thinking they might be frightened the storm, went upstairs to reassure them by the storm, went upstairs to reassure them. Pansing just outside the nursery door, she heard Fred say to his sister, who was crying, "Don't oo be 'fraid, baby; me an Dod's here."

Little Noble M—— is six years old, handsome, healthy and restless. He climbs upon a chair and manipulates the telephone as well as any one. The other day his mamms called up her husband for a short talk, after which she handed the "phone" to Noble, who sang out "Hello!" "What's that?" came on Mr. M——, who was surprised by the reply, "An Awful Bad Boy!" "Why what have you

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Awful Bad Boy!" "Why, what have you
been up to, Noble!" "Oh—um—well; I
teased Edgar;" his younger brother. "Why
did you do that!" "God made me so; I
couldn't help it!" A little miss recently attended religious service, where she heard the gospel hyun, "Scatter Seeds of Kindness," one part of which runs as follows:

Strange that summer skies and sunshine Never seem one half so fair

As when winter's snewy pinions Shake the white down in the air. On returning home she told her mother such a funny piece had been sung at church. "My dear, what could that have been?" inquired the interested parent. "Why mamms, they were all singins 'shake the nightgown in the air."

A writer of humorous short stories was stopping at a summer hotel where he was admired by two small boys who had read his tales. A real live writer was evidently a curiosity to the youngsters. Finally, one of the boys plucked up courage to speak to him.

"Are you Mr" ——, who writes stories for the ——!" The writer acknowledged his identity with becoming modesty, and the boy, after a moment of reflection, continued his investigations; "How much do they pay you for one of those stories!" "From \$30 to \$50," replied the writer, kindly, and the youngster seemed buried in thought. Suddenly the question came like a shot from a gun: "Well, wouldn't they pay you more if your stories wouldn't they pay you more if your were not so foolish!"